Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Northeast Nebraska Innovation Studio and Fabrication Lab in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Northeast Community College, located at 801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701. The funding would be used for providing lab space and customized training opportunities to upskill the current manufacturing workforce. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides underserved rural areas the skills, knowledge and resources to promote a technology-based economy.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 272(b)(6):

to assist industry in the development of measurements, measurement methods, and basic measurement technology.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Yours very truly,

Mike Flood

Member of Congress